



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION

OF: AVEN ET AL.

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INHIBITOR HERBICIDES

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PRELIMINARY SUBMISSION

Sir:

Further to applicants' Request for Continued Examination pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.114 dated August 06, 2002, it is respectfully requested that the following preliminary amendment and remarks be entered and considered for further prosecution:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend the claims as indicated in Appendix I attached to this paper. A clean copy of the claims as herewith amended is found in the attached Appendix II.